

January 12, 2012

ITEM NO. B1

**RECOMMENDATION TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO FOR EDUCATIONAL
SERVICES**

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners:

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners ("Board") authorize the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement ("IGA") with the City Colleges of Chicago ("CCC") for the period of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000.

FUNDING
General Fund

Vendor:	City Colleges of Chicago
Address:	226 W. Jackson Chicago, Illinois 60606
Contract Type:	Intergovernmental Agreement
Contract Term:	January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012
Contract Amount:	\$1,000,000 NTE

M/W/DBE Participation: Not Feasible

Section 3: Not Feasible

EXPLANATION

The Chicago Housing Authority's Plan for Transformation represents a new beginning for public housing in Chicago. The CHA has partnered with CCC since 2005 to establish education and training programs for CHA residents and families living in the private market with a Housing Choice Voucher who have a right of return. In 2011, CHA expanded the target population to allow all Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) participants to enroll in CCC through the IGA. The goal of the IGA has been to support self-sufficiency for families by creating a continuum of education and training opportunities that allow CHA residents to advance over time to progressively higher levels of education, and obtain certification and employment that should ultimately result in better paying careers in areas of economic importance.

Under the IGA, existing degree and certification programs have continued to be made available to CHA residents at no cost in a variety of industries. In addition, CHA and CCC have collaborated to develop specialized training programs (e.g. Pathways to Green Jobs) that have enabled residents needing more extensive educational support to move towards entry into degree and certification programs or directly to employment. This IGA also provides funding for three

part-time coordinators at CCC who are dedicated to support residents as they attend educational programs. CCC coordinators assist residents with navigating CCC's enrollment procedures, help residents with decision making about educational and employment tracks and ensure continued attendance in CCC's educational programs through tutoring and retention services. In 2012, the IGA will continue to provide for the delivery of educational services to CHA residents at a variety of educational levels as well as to provide support while residents are engaged in educational activities.

CCC's staff dedication and CHA participants' desire to achieve self-sufficiency is demonstrated by 2011 program outcomes. As of December 20, 2011, 233 residents have completed a degree/certificate program and an additional 108 are currently enrolled in programs. In addition, 93% of 2011 program registrants have completed or still remain in their degree/certificate program, an 8% increase in retention from 2010. CCC staff have conducted educational sessions with CHA case management providers (e.g. FamilyWorks), and over 510 residents have attended an orientation.

Based on the foregoing, it is in the best interest of the CHA to authorize the Chief Executive Officer, or his designee, to enter into an IGA with the City Colleges of Chicago for the period of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-CHA-5

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Chicago Housing Authority has reviewed the Board Letter dated January 11, 2012, entitled, "RECOMMENDATION TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES";

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY

THAT, the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chief Executive Officer, or his designee, to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the City Colleges of Chicago ("IGA") for the period of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000.

